

Bill 59

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I was really encouraged that Oahu took the initiative to ban single-use plastic bags, but unfortunately, I have noticed that many businesses have attempted to circumnavigate the current regulations by using the minimum allowable bag thickness and calling it "re-usable," when it is clearly a single-use bag for most. If we increase the minimum required thickness to that of Austin and Portland, it will make it financially disadvantageous for businesses to provide single-use bags. They will still be able to provide the thick, re-usable bags that some businesses have begun to use successfully. In Hawaii, we are a home to so many beautiful marine species who have recently become endangered due to the micro-plastics we are introducing into our oceans. If we want to continue to be a home to sea turtles, albatross, and monk seals, we need to do our best to keep single-use plastics to a minimum. Mahalo!!

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